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USEFUL RESOURCES

FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Here is a collection of some reliable websites you can visit for health information. Many of these are directed specifically to the Veteran or military population.

GOVERNMENT SITES

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
 http://www.va.gov

VA provides links to Veteran-related issues and concerns.

Office of Public Health, Washington, DC
 http://www.publichealth.va.gov

This office coordinates programs and services for Veterans regarding environmental exposures encountered during military service.

- War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) http://www.WarRelatedIllness.va.gov
 The WRIISC evaluates Veterans with post deployment health concerns and chronic symptoms without medical diagnosis. This website contains a variety of resources on general health topics and post deployment illnesses.
- Returning Service Members Operations Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) http://www.oefoif.va.gov

VA provides links for returned service members.

- VA Women Veterans http://www.womenshealth.va.gov
- VA Caregiver Support
 http://www.caregiver.va.gov
- Army Public Health Center (APHC) http://phc.amedd.army.mil

Here, you can find a surplus of health information and other services. This is a world-class provider of public health services across the Department of the Army (DA) and Department of Defense (DoD).

OTHER GOVERNMENT SITES

 National Academies of Sciences Engineering Medicine- Health and Medicine Division (HMD) http://nationalacademies.org/HMD

The Health and Medicine Division (HMD) produces reports on the health and protection of deployed military forces and Veterans. Th is site provides information about work in this area, including summaries and recommendations from past reports, as well as explanations of chemical and biological agents, and links to ongoing projects.

 National Institutes of Health (NIH) http://health.nih.gov

The NIH provides a list of health topics, references for research and current studies, and links to other health-related sites.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) http://www.cdc.gov

This website provides information on environmental health concerns. Environmental health at CDC strives to promote health and quality of life by preventing or controlling those diseases or deaths that result from interactions between people and their environments.

 MedlinePlus http://medlineplus.gov

This website provides a searchable database on health topics and information. It is sponsored by the US National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.



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Healthfinder[®] http://www.healthfinder.gov

Healthfinder[®] is an award-winning Federal website, developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services together with other Federal agencies. Since 1997, Healthfinder[®] has been recognized as a key resource for finding the best government and nonprofit health and human services information on the Internet. Healthfinder[®] links to carefully selected information and websites from over 1,800 healthrelated organizations.

Social Security for Veterans http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans

This site provides information about Social Security, why it is important, and some of the services provided for Veterans.

GENERAL HEALTH

- My HealtheVet https://www.myhealth.va.gov
- Krames http://www.geisinger.kramesonline.com/

Chronic Pain Information

MedlinePlus
 https://medlineplus.gov/chronicpain.html

Smoking Cessation

 Smoke Free http://www.smokefree.gov

MENTAL HEALTH

- National Institute of Mental Health
 http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/index.shtml
- Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers (MIRECC) http://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching
- Psychological Health Center of Excellence (formerly Deployment Health Clinical Center) http://www.PDHealth.mil

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Stress

- National Center for PTSD Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs http://www.ptsd.va.gov
- Mayo Clinic http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/ post-traumatic-stress-disorder/symptoms-causes/ syc-20355967
- Mental Health America
 http://www.nmha.org/conditions/post-traumatic stress-disorder

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

- The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center http://dvbic.dcoe.mil
- CDC Facts about TBI http://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/

READJUSTMENT TO CIVILIAL LIFE AFTER DEPLOYMENT

- Vet Centers http://www.vetcenter.va.gov
 - The Vet Centers program assists Veterans and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community.
- Military OneSource http://www.militaryonesource.mil
- After Deployment
 https://www.afterdeployment.org/
- Defense Centers of Excellence
 http://dvbic.dcoe.mil
- The Mission Continues
 http://www.missioncontinues.org
- Vietnam Veterans of America http://www.vva.org
- Yellow Ribbon Foundation
 http://www.yellowribbonfoundation.com
- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) http://www.nmcrs.org

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- Army Emergency Relief http://www.aerhq.org
- Air Force Aid Society
 http://www.afas.org
- Army OneSource http://www.myarmyonesource.com

Employment

- VA Jobs
 http://www.va.gov/jobs/
- Department of Labor http://www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm
- U.S. Department of Defense -Troops to Teachers http://www.proudtoserveagain.com
- GI Jobs http://www.gijobs.com
- Show Your Stripes http://www.showyourstripes.org/

Education and Financial Assistance

- GI Bill http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/
- Military Order of the Purple Heart http://www.purpleheart.org/

Peer Support

- Vets4Warriors https:/vets4warriors.com
- Wounded Warrior Project http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

 National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine http://nccam.nih.gov

OTHER NON-GOVERNMENT SITES

Angel Flight NE
 http://www.angelflightne.org

This nonprofit organization provides air transportation to those whose medical problems require travel that is otherwise not affordable.

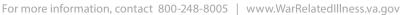
 Veterans Consortium Pro-Bono Program http://www.vetsprobono.org

This program provides representation to Veterans in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America http://www.iava.org

This organization provides support to new Veterans through programs for health, education, employment and community building.

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